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E. O. 11652: N/ A

TAGS: EFIN, IT

SUBJECT: TREASURY ATTACHE' S REPRESENTATION ALLOWANCE

REF: STATE 090874

PASS TREASURY DEPARTMENT

1. SINCE REF CABLE RECEIVED MAY 12, AND LETTER WOULD NOT REACH WASHINGTON BY MAY 14 DEADLINE, FOLLOWING IS CABLE REPLY.

2. BECAUSE OF DIFFERENCE IN MARITAL STATUS ( E. G. NEED TO USE CATERING SERVICES) AND ARRIVAL AFTER BEGINNING OF FISCAL YEAR IT DIFFICULT TO ESTIMATE PRECISELY ADEQUACY OF PRESENT \$700 PER YEAR ALLOTMENT. BECAUSE OF SUMMER HOLIDAYS AND TIME NEEDED TO GET SETTLED INTO APARTMENT, VERY LITTLE REPRESENTATION WAS UNDERTAKEN UNTIL LATE IN CY 1972. NEVERTHELESS EXPECT TO USE VIRTUALLY ALL, IF NOT ALL OF ALLOWANCE BY END OF THIS FISCAL YEAR. ALSO, FAIRLY RECENT ARRIVAL OF ASSISTANT ATTACHE HAS LIMITED, HER REPRESENTATIONAL ACTIVITY TO DATE.

3. GIVEN THAT ALLOWANCE HAS NOT BEEN INCREASED SINCE 1967, WE EXPECT THAT \$700 FOR FISCAL YEAR 1974 MAY WELL BE INSUFFICIENT. WOULD WELCOME INCREASE IN ALLOCATION WHICH COULD BE RETURNED IF NOT USED. REPRESENTATION PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN ITALY, WHERE SOCIAL CONTACTS ARE IMPORTANT TOOL FOR MAINTAINING GOOD RELATIONS WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. INCREASED ALLOWANCE IN PARTICULAR WOULD FACILITATE MORE FREQUENT DINNERS AT HOME FOR SMALLER GROUPS RATHER THAN LARGE RECEPTIONS WHICH ARE REQUIRED BY BUDGET LIMITATIONS. VOLPE

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